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GC students find Disney magic

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The Disney College Program is a semester-long internship opportunity that allows college students from around the world to live and work in the parks while earning university credit or networking with experienced Disney employees.

In recent years, the program has accepted anywhere from 5,000 to 6,000 students of all majors and concentrations.

Pamela Santamaria, GC's Career Development Coordinator said that 20 GC students participated in the program in 2018, with 10 attending each semester. GC senior Brandon Crouch, a business major, was accepted into the competitive program and completed his internship in Fall 2018 at the park in Orlando, Florida.

Disney has been a significant part of Crouch's life since he was young, which is what led him to the program initially.

"It's the perfect opportunity to give back to a company that has created so much happiness and magic for me," Crouch said.

Senior Huntley Cowart, a mass communications major, also completed a Disney internship at the park in Orlando.

"I've always loved Disney and wanted to work there and thought this was the perfect opportunity to get my foot in the door," Cowart said. "I was lucky that it worked perfectly with my schedule, and I'll still be

graduating on time."

Cowart and Crouch both completed an extensive three-tiered interview process beginning with a web application, followed by a web-based interview and a phone interview.

The program encompasses over 18 different roles within the parks, ranging from Character Performer and Attractions to Custodial work and Parking. Cowart worked in eight different departments while Crouch focused more on his various Character Performer roles.

Although the daily roles aren't geared toward specific careers, interns are able to gain valuable customer service experience as well as witness what Disney calls "magical moments" in the parks.

While Crouch was working as a Character Performer one day, a young boy on a Make-a-Wish trip with his family cracked his first smile in months upon seeing Crouch's

character.

"For me, I was just doing my job, but to him, I was making magic," Crouch said.

Although, Crouch isn't allowed to disclose exactly what character he was, he is allowed to say that he got to be good friends with Goofy while there.

From a professional side, interns are given constant opportunities to network

with professionals from an esteemed corporation. Students can also choose to enroll in business and management classes taught by former Disney corporate employees that qualify for course credit at most universities, including GC. For participants who aren't

business majors, the program offers seminars, during which students learn leadership, networking, and communication skills from knowledgeable instructors. The seminars are also competitive, however, and utilize a lottery system to select

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Second semester slump

Nicole Hazlett
Staff Writer

From a holiday haze to the school craze, second semester can be rough for some students.

"That point in the semester [when] you start off really well—I'm going to do the reading, I'm going to do my homework on time, get everything done two weeks in advance—then there comes that point in the semester where you just give up on that, and for me that usually comes in the second or third week," said Julia Lee, a second semester senior and English major.

This lack of motivation due to being worn out by the previous semester is called by many "the second semester slump."

However, the second semester is also an a chance for a fresh start.

The four week break between first and second semester is

significantly shorter than the 12 week break of summer. These 12 weeks allow students to expand their horizons with summer jobs, internships and days of sleeping in. The burn-out that typically happens with finals week can finally release itself.

The shorter Winter Break might not benefit students as much as Summer Break and is a possible reason for a difference in not only students' mindsets but also their grades between the first and second semesters.

Motivation at the beginning of the spring semester is also dampened by the cold winter weather. If students don't want to even leave the house when it is cold, they definitely don't want to class.

In Milledgeville, students have to constantly check their weather apps, as winter weather can range from 30 degrees and windy to 65 and sunny.

Lauren Bradley, said that on a scale from one to 10, her motivation level going into college was "a 100 for sure!"

"Now it is a nine," Bradley said.

However, Susan Spencer, a counselor at GC, said that the second semester offers students a fresh start.

"The second semester is an opportunity for new students to start strong, master their motivation and learn from mistakes made in the first semester," Spencer said.

Spencer said that during the first semester of college, students tend to struggle with adjustment.

"Adjusting to college courses that are likely structured differently from high school classes and learning how to manage time, social interactions and sleep issues are typical first semester issues," Spencer said.

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Cats heat up in 2019

Chris Collier
Staff Writer

The GC men's basketball team boasts a 6-1 record in the month of January as it storms into a flurry of Peach Belt Conference matchups that will surely test its new-and-improved defense.

In a season characterized by ups and downs, head coach Mark Gainous credits the team's red-hot January to its strong defensive play.

"We've gone to our 1-1-3 defense," Gainous said. "We call it our Vegas defense after Jerry Tarkanian at UNLV. When we played Aiken, they split our traps, and we were vulnerable on the glass. Against Pembroke, we did not trap and just kept our big guys inside, and it helped our rebounding. If we trapped Pembroke, we would've made ourselves too vulnerable on the offensive glass."

With a record of 5-5, the Bobcats entered winter break in search of answers. Gainous used the down time to get the team back to basics.

"We were 5-5, and we had an eight-day break," Gainous said. "I really did a lot of stat analysis, trying to look and see why we're coming up short," Gainous said. "We did play a tough schedule; we played



Courtesy of GC Sports Communication

Desmond Mitchell-LaFlam reads the floor

Aiken twice, and they beat us by two points. But losing by two points isn't good enough. We looked at all the numbers and said, 'You know what, we just have to play better defense.'"

The team looks to dictate and control the tempo in the second half of the season, a period full of crucial PBC matchups.

"Defense and rebounding are the top priority," Gainous said. "We want to control the pace of play with great defense."

Noting the unpredictability of a long, grueling season, Gainous said he takes each game as it comes, emphasizing goals on a game-per-game basis.

"Every year, you have different obstacles that you have to overcome," Gainous said. "As the coach, I tell them all the time that

I don't set goals for the team; I set game goals. We have certain game goals that we want to reach. They have their own team goals as far as what we want to get accomplished."

Senior forward Isaac Thomas humbly praised his teammates when asked about his team-high field goal percentage.

"I think it's just the guys around me, having a point guard that can make the right passes and having two guards that can make shots," said Thomas said.

Senior guard Desmond Mitchell La-Flam leads the team in assists at 5.1 per game. When asked about his passing ability, he also emphasized the importance of team play.

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Student involved in accident at the intersection of North Liberty and West Thomas.

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Baseball set to begin third season under Head Coach Eller and battle for another PBC title.

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Crocs, chunky sweaters, and flare jeans are making a comeback this winter fashion season.

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which students will have the opportunity to attend the lectures.

The program is largely aimed at providing students with ample work experience and, for some, a continued education.

However, the classes are just the tip of the iceberg to Cowart and Crouch. “Whenever we weren’t working, we were walking around the parks looking for more ‘magical moments,’” Cowart said. “I would do lightsaber battles in Mission Space and let the kids win, take the stuffed animals off the counters and make them talk with

everyone... stuff like that.” Crouch, planning to return to the program after graduation, experienced similar moments that affirmed his decision to pursue a professional career with Disney. “I’ll be returning next January to complete a two-year professional internship in Guest Management,” Crouch said.



Courtesy of Huntley Cowart

Huntley Cowart graduates from the Disney College Program

Kemp’s plans for Georgia

McClaine Wellem
Staff Writer

Brian Kemp was sworn in as the 83rd governor of Georgia on Jan. 14 and did not waste any time jumping right into the political minefield. He filled three executive orders on his first day in office, staying true to one of his promises on the campaign trail. Gov. Kemp had his first State of the State address on Jan. 17 at the capitol building in Atlanta. He strayed away from immigration, making education his major issue and promising Georgians that he had confidence in his ability to continue Gov. Deal’s efforts to fully fund public school education. “My 2020 budget proposal includes a 3,000 permanent salary increase for certified Georgia teachers,” Gov. Kemp said. The governor not only wants to focus on the teacher pay raise but also

school security and mental health. He hopes to allocate more money towards mental health professionals to be available to students. Kemp’s campaign focused on “putting Georgians first,” and he has outlined his efforts to do so in his four-point plan. This includes making Georgia No. 1 in small businesses, reforming state government and strengthening rural Georgia. “So far it seems that the policies Gov. Kemp is focusing on are the less ‘Trumpy’ ones and more policies that would keep him out of the political spotlight,” said Benjamin Clark, GC lecturer of political science. However, some Georgians still have issues with the politics Brian Kemp used as his platform during the general election. “I think his first term will be characterized by an obstruction to progress,” said senior Ben Branch, an outdoor education

major. “His policies on immigration seem to be completely backwards and aligning with extremely right-wing ideology.” With only a few days under the governor’s belt only so much can be said about the ways in which he will govern. On his first day in office, he revoked the state’s current sexual harassment training program and demanded that the state inspector general’s office become the first point of contact for any and all complaints. “It is difficult to say at this juncture whether Kemp is going to end up as a conservative but not quite polarizing figure, like Gov. Deal was, or if he will be more reminiscent of the Brian Kemp that we saw during the election cycle, whose commercials involved him pointing guns at teenagers and talking about rounding up illegal immigrants in the back of his big truck,” Clark said.

Disney College Program

Application Process

1

Online application (open Jan 22) up to 5 of most recent work/volunteer experiences – 10-15 mins

2

Filtered through database programmed to search key words in applications and resumes.

3

Web-based interview (timed) gauging personality

4

Phone interview – 20-30 mins

5

Email offer or email decline

*Entire process length varies greatly.

*Can apply up to 12 months after graduation.

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Upcoming articles

Lindsay Stevens
News Editor

F e b r u a r y
In February, The Colonnade will revamp its previously retired crime column to keep GC students updated on the happenings around Milledgeville. To honor Black History Month, each week will feature a profile of a successful African-American GC alumni. Check back next week to learn about Winfred Dukes, an alumni

who is now a State Representative for District 150. Also, be sure to check out this year’s Homecoming issue, which will be released the Wednesday before Homecoming, Feb. 13. **M a r c h**
Employee appreciation day is Friday, March 1. For the month of March we will be profiling different employees around GC. if you have a suggestion, email The Colonnade email. GC’s Early Childhood Education majors will be celebrating Read Across

America day the first week of March. Find out how they plan to bring reading into their classrooms. **A p r i l**
This year is the 10th anniversary of the notorious Not So Greek party. Stay tuned to out the origin story of this event and the various highlights throughout the years. What is 4/20, and how did it start? In what states is it legal in to consume marijuana? Is GA looking to legalize pot?

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NEWS

Flu season is back...this time it's personal

Catherine James
Staff Writer

Students and staff can breath a little easier this flu season knowing the influenza virus is predicted to be much less severe and much more contained than that of last year.

“This year is supposed to be improved from last year,” said Britt McRae, GC’s director of student health services. “In 2019, we have only had one case of the flu thus far.”

This is a drastic improvement from last year, when health services diagnosed 30 to 35 cases of the flu every day.

According to the CDC, 3.1 percent of Americans have seen their healthcare provider in regards to flu-like symptoms this year. While it is slightly above the national baseline of 2.2 percent, it is a significant decrease from last year when 7.5 percent of Americans were seeking help for issues related to the flu.

Some students recall last winter’s flu season as

one of the worst they have experienced. Although he had been vaccinated, sophomore Brandon Frey, a criminal justice major, came down with the flu just three days after his roommates during the flu outbreak last year.

“I get my flu shot every single year, and this was the first time I got the flu since I was little,” Frey said. “I felt like I had been hit by a bus.”

McRae also explained that if a student’s roommate comes down with the flu, encourage them to go home so that it doesn’t spread. If the student is unable to go home, be sure to follow a routine of strict handwashing and disinfecting while limiting contact with the sick roommate.

Sophomore Stuart Jeans, a management information systems major and Frey’s only roommate to escape the flu last year, managed to live with and care for his three sick roommates for a week.

“I got them food, helped clean up the room and Clorox wiped everything,” Jeans said. “You name it, I did it.”

However, Jeans did not escape the flu simply due to luck. He took preventative measures to keep himself from getting sick.

He washed his hands and limited contact with his roommates by quarantining them in one half of the suite and spending the rest of his time in the other, disinfected room.

While it is still possible to come down with the flu after being vaccinated, students should not let this stop them from getting their flu shot this season.

“Getting your flu vaccine every year is the best way to contain the flu,” McRae said.

The CDC explains that when someone who has been vaccinated gets sick, their symptoms are likely to be much more bearable than those of a person who has not gotten the shot.

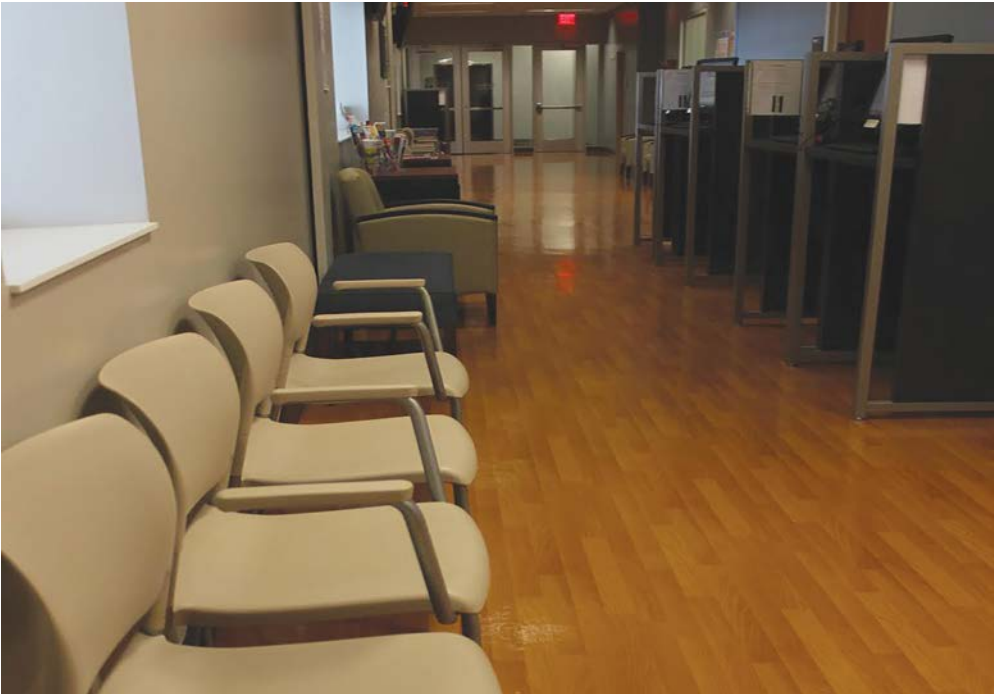
Students do not need to wait until they go home to get their flu shot.

“The vaccine is offered through Student Health,” McRae said. “The student may walk in at any time and receive the vaccine.”



Catherine James / Staff Writer

Students enter through the gym entrance to get to health services



Catherine James / Staff Writer

The Wellness Center cuts down wait times with computer check-ins

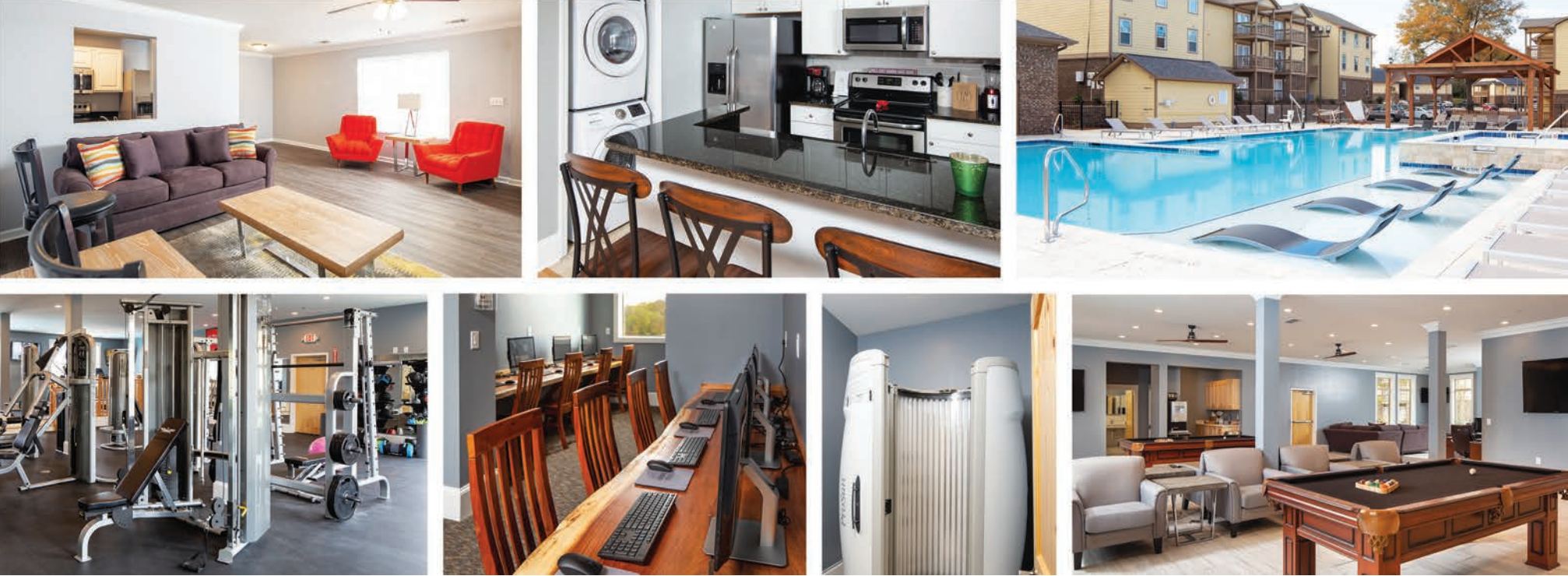


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NEWS

Accident on Liberty St

Miya Banks
Staff Writer

A car accident on North Liberty Street between a GC student and a resident of Milledgeville resulted in the resident’s hospitalization but no fatalities. The wreck occurred around 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 14, behind a GC employee parking lot. According to the police report and witnesses of the aftermath, it was a foggy morning. Zoe Irvin, 19, had

stopped at a stop sign and, according to the report, looked both ways before proceeding forward. However, when she moved forward, her vehicle struck the driver’s side of another car that was traveling east on West Thomas Street. Irvin walked away without injury. Pauline Reeves, 54, was driving the other car and had two minors, ages one and 14, in the backseat. According to the report, neither of the minors were

harm ed, but Reeves was taken to the hospital by ambulance for “possible injury or complaint.” It is unclear what her injuries were, but she was not cited as being in critical condition. No airbags deployed in either vehicle, no one was ejected, and no one had to be removed from the vehicles by a wrecker. According to the report, Irvin is considered at fault for “failure to yield,” but there is no further information at this time.



Pauline Reeves’ car sustained severe damage on Jan. 14

Reporting violence on campus

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Reported sexual assaults and other acts of power-based interpersonal violence (PBIV) tend to spike around Homecoming and Spring Break, both of which are just around the corner. “During those times, students are engaging socially in ways they normally wouldn’t,” said Emily Brookshire, victim services coordinator at the Women’s Center. “There are potentially more risky behaviors happening.” PBIV includes rape, sexual assault, harassment and stalking, though other acts of partner or power-based violence qualify as well. Title IX guarantees equity in higher education, meaning equal access to academic opportunities, events and the right to feel comfortable in campus spaces. If an act of PBIV harms or makes an individual uncomfortable, their Title IX rights have been violated. It is important for victims to know what authorities on campus they can talk to confidentially and who is required to report the crime. All faculty and staff on campus, including professors and CAs, are mandated reporters, meaning if they see or hear about a crime, they are required by law to report it to the proper campus authority. At GC, that authority is the Title IX coordinator. CAs are trained to explain that they are mandated reporters well before

a resident discloses sensitive personal information. “[CAs] want to help,” said Hannah Kriner, a CA in Bell Hall. “It’s not about reports and statistics in the end, it’s about helping that person.” Kriner said if a CA hears a victim or a friend of a victim discussing an act of violence in a public space, the CA will try to discreetly pull the person away to ask more questions and then send a report. If a victim wishes his or her story to remain confidential, however, there are other options. The Women’s Center and Counseling Center are both confidential resources on campus. “We are concerned about the impact the assault is having on the student, not prosecution or other legal concerns,” said Shadisha Bennett Brod-de, a counselor at GC. At the Women’s Center, victims can talk about what has happened to them, explore legal prosecution or avenues for counseling. As victim’s coordinator, Emily Brookshire is available to accompany victims who want to seek help off campus and will go alongside victims to the hospital after an act of violence, to the police station or to any other legal events such as a trial. “I want people to know they’re coming [to the Women’s Center] to talk about their options,” Brookshire said. “We will help them no matter what they want to do.”

REPORTING RAPE ON CAMPUS



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POSITION:

PROFESSOR

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SPORTS

Softball seniors on path for success beyond GC

Sydney Wilson
Staff Writer

Just as the Bobcat Softball team gets ready to say hello to a new season, two senior players, Caroline Snider and Kayla Price, must prepare to say goodbye to their team as they look forward to graduation. Snider has been playing softball since the fifth grade, starting with rec ball and then playing for her middle school team, following in the footsteps of her older sister. She has been a part of the Bobcat Softball team since her freshman year in 2015. According to Snider, being on the team has been an overwhelmingly positive influence on her time at GC and has taught her important skills for both on and off the field, such as time management and organization. “It [softball] has given me structure,” said Snider, an outfielder and mass communication major. “It helps me keep my priorities straight. I can’t get behind because if I do, it’s as if everything will fall out of place.”. Snider has also learned the importance of being resilient in the face of adversity, whether that be another team or a tough class. Some of her proudest moments have been standing strong in those situations. “It helps me work through adversity, knowing how to overcome any situation, because this is a game of failure,” Snider said. “It’s resilience, that’s the main thing; how can you come back from failing?” Kayla Price began playing softball at a young age, starting with T-ball and working her way up. Price then began her GC softball career after transferring from a junior college in South Carolina during the middle of her sophomore year. “I came here and didn’t know anyone even in the state of Georgia, so it defi-

nately helped me build a group of friends that will last a lifetime,” said Price, a pitcher and nursing major. Snider and Price have been using the lessons they’ve learned during their previous seasons to take the freshman players under their wings. “As our two seniors, they’ve taken on that leadership role: a giving role, a parenting role, an accountability partner for everyone,” said Jamie Grodecki, softball coach of nine years. “I think all of the players have a lot of respect for Caroline and Kayla, and I do think this spring will rest a lot in their hands.” Snider has even made this a personal goal of hers for this season. “It is important for us to show them the right things to do and that you need to put in effort all the time,” Snider said. “That is a priority of mine this year, to guide them so that the program can continue to be successful.” Both Snider and Price said they are going into this season with high hopes and a lot of confidence, not only in their own abilities but in their teammates’ as well. “This is the best team I’ve ever played with,” Price said. “There’s no drama on this team, everyone gets along. Yeah, this is definitely the best group I’ve ever played with.” As for memorable moments, Snider, Price and Grodecki agree that one memory that they will always carry with them is the tradition of singing a song of their choice on the bus on the way to the first away game of the season during their first years on the team. Four years later, Snider still remembers that she sang “Lip Gloss” by Lil Mama. Both Snider and Price will graduate this May and have tossed around the idea of getting a master’s degree, but no matter where they go or what they do, they will always have their softball team and coaches to support them.



Courtesy of GC Sports Communication
Caroline Snider zips a ball from centerfield



Courtesy of GC Sports Communication
Kayla Price eyes down the batter pre-pitch

CAROLINE SNIDER

POSITION: OUTFIELD
MAJOR: MASS COMMUNICATION
YEAR: SENIOR

STATS:

RUNS	43
RBI	29
HITS	61
OBP	.451

★ ★ 2018 ALL- ACADEMIC TEAM
★ 2018 NFCA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION SECOND TEAM
7TH BEST BATTING AVERAGE IN PBC IN 2018 (.389)

CAREER HITTING

STATS:

3 SEASONS AT GC

AVG	.363
RBI	115
HITS	46
SB	28

Hannah Wildes / Asst. Graphic Designer

KAYLA PRICE

POSITION: PITCHER
MAJOR: NURSING
YEAR: SENIOR

STATS:

W - L RECORD	8 - 3
ERA	3.63
SO/BB	46/22
IP	88 2/3

★ ★ 2018 PBC ALL - AMERICAN TEAM
★

CAREER PITCHING

STATS:

2 SEASONS AT GC

W - L	26 - 9
ERA	3.36
SO	108

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Women’s basketball to bounce back in 2019

Taylor Keil
Staff Writer

The GC Women’s basketball team ranks in 10th place out of 12 teams in the Peach Belt Conference with a 4-6 conference record and 6-10 overall. With 12 games left, the Bobcats still have an outside chance to make the playoffs. The team is led by its top two scorers Jasmine McSwain, who is averaging 13.9 points per game, and Sydney Cleveland, who averages 11.3. “Recently in the past couple of games, we have lost by one or two points,” Cleveland said. “We need

to collectively figure out how to finish a game.” The Bobcats will have to climb from 10th to 8th place to make a playoff berth possible. “We need to learn how to focus the entire game, be more aggressive on offense,” McSwain said. “We can’t play to relax or play to the tempo or to the level of the team that we are playing. We are better than a lot of teams in the conference, but sometimes we play to their level.” The Bobcats have a long stretch of Peach Belt Conference matchups coming up, and their coach Maurice Smith is confident that his girls can im-

prove their performance and win more games as the season progresses. “Our strategy differs according to each opponent,” Smith said. “The Peach Belt teams that we play show a wide array of different types of skill sets and strengths that they have. We do face a lot of athleticism. We do not want them to use their athletes to pressure us and turn the ball over, meaning we have to do a great job taking care of the ball and rebounding.” The team has a multitude of goals it set every year, and one of those goals is to finish in the top half of the PBC standings and make it to the Peach

Belt Tournament, which will be a tough challenge. “We always hold each other accountable, and I love how we have the same family unit on and off the court, like we are sisters,” McSwain said. “We know how to react under pressure; we are not reactive to pressure.” McSwain is known for her ability to attack the basket, finding the open man on the court, or as she calls it “hitting who is hot,” and noticing the gaps on the court to get to the basket. “We need to play off of each other more and recognize the open pass or the better shot,” Cleveland said. “Staying strong

is important when things start to break down.” The team bond and ability to collaborate are things that Cleveland said were strengths. She is a strong offensive player who also converts nearly 72% of her free throws. “Whether the outcome of a game is good or bad, we consistently exercise our best effort and stick together,” Cleveland said. The intangibles are also important to winning games: defending, diving on the floor for loose balls and rebounding. As far as defense goes, Smith is satisfied with his girls’ performance, especially their ability to hold their opponents’

scores under 60 points in the last four games. The top defenders on the team are Kenyatta Storms and Keyonna Wesley, who have been instrumental in helping hold down opponents scoring. In order to win more games, the Bobcats must play consistently for 40 minutes, staying focused the entire game and playing more aggressively on the offensive side. The team holds up the motto, “Focus the entire 40.” By taking each game step by step and focusing on shooting, tough defense and rebounding, the Bobcats can increase their chances of winning more games going forward.

SPORTS

Baseball set for third season in Eller era

Steven Walters
Editor-in-Chief

GC baseball prepares for its third season under head coach Jason Eller and looks to build on the 2018 season in which the team won the Peach Belt Conference and PBC Conference championship. The team has captured a PBC Tournament Championship two years in a row and finished Top 10 in the Division II Final Polls for the first time since 2010. “We’ve used that underdog thing for a while, and now we’re probably one of the hunted, so I’m going to enjoy that to be the defending Peach Belt Champs and to be able to see if we can back it up,” Eller said. “It’s an exciting challenge. It’s something that we certainly wanted to do, and now it’s here, so we’re looking forward to trying to show up every weekend and play

a high level of baseball.” Offensively, the Bobcats led NCAA Division II teams with a .360 team average in 2018, topping their DII-leading mark on .358 in 2017. “Offensively, it’s going to be tough to match what we did last year, but we’re always trying to just score seven-plus runs,” said senior Wesley Wommack. “That’s the number that coach Eller puts in our minds.” Eller said he is trying to have his team continue the approach he has preached over his two-plus years here, learning to put pressure on opposing defenses and be tough two-strike hitters. “We’re trying not to change a whole lot,” Eller said. “We’re trying just to change the names and the faces but keep the approach and results the same.” Wommack, senior Garrett Green and junior third baseman Cal Gentry are three starters returning to the lineup in 2019. Wommack won PBC Tourna-

ment MVP honors and hit .390 on the season. Green broke out with a .375 average and 78 hits, good for ninth in both categories in the PBC. Gentry hit .300 with 20 extra-base hits in 2018 and is just a year removed from hitting .441 as a freshman. “The best part about hitting in this lineup to me is all the people around you,” Green said. “With Wommack, Gentry, a lot of the newcomers we’re going to have this year, it’s a good feeling knowing your teammates are going to pick you up if you can’t get the job done, and it seems like there’s always people on base.” Eller mentioned first baseman KC Brown and utility player Josh Hudgins as two transfer students to watch for offensively. Brown transferred in from South Georgia State College while Hudgins came from Georgia Southern University. The Bobcats also featured the top defense in

DII baseball in 2018. They boasted the highest fielding percentage (.981) and the fewest errors (37). The .981 mark was good for fourth best in DII baseball history. This season, Eller said he wants to implement more defensive shifts. “When you want to field at a .981 clip, that just shows that they were in position to make plays,” Eller said. “And so when you’ve got really good players, you’ve got to put them in good positions so they can perform.” In Fall 2018, Eller said improving the pitching was a point of emphasis coming into 2019. He said the staff already made strides last fall. “We’ve been excited about the amount of strikes that we’re throwing,” Eller said. “We’re rolling around a 65 percent clip, that’s nice. We’re in shape, we’re ready to go and we have a lot of depth.” Bradly Cammack, named a Southeast Region Preseason All-American,

headlines a list of notable returners, including Logan Howard, Harrison Veldsma, Colin LoCurto and Perry Keith. “He’s never scared,” Eller said of Cammack. “He’s got a lot of guts and a lot of confidence because he’s pitched in a lot of different levels and had success. I think what makes Cammack special is just what’s going on inside his heart and who he is more so than his stuff.” Cammack, a 6-foot-2, 175-pound righty, went 13-2 with a 2.54 ERA in 85 innings pitched in 2018. “I really want to improve on being more efficient with pitch counts and getting out of innings,” Cammack said. “Last year, I’d throw 20-plus pitches when I didn’t need to. I would just burn pitches, and I feel like this year, I’m going to do a lot better job of attacking hitters.” Eller also brought in former Division I players Connor Darling and Bryce Bowen to the program.

The right-handed throwing Darling, a junior, transferred from the University of Tennessee. Bowen is a 6-foot-4, 220-pound lefty who transferred from Clemson University. Overall, the program brought in 17 players, six transfers and 11 freshmen to bolster the roster. The Bobcats begin their journey back to the Peach Belt Conference on Feb. 1 against Paine University at 5 p.m. at John Kurtz Field. “[I’m looking forward to] getting out here at John Kurtz field and watching Kathy Kurtz throw out the first pitch for the third year in a row,” Eller said. “We’ve been able to have back-to-back really good seasons with Ms. Kurtz throwing out the first pitch, and she’s the heart and soul of this program. She’s the team mom, so when she puts that 31 jersey on and the look on her face is priceless.”

GC BASEBALL BY THE NUMBERS

2018 RECORD: 44-12 | HOME: 22-2 | AWAY: 17-9

2018 OFFENSIVE STATS WITH DII RANKS

AVG	.360	1 ST
HITS	746	1 ST
DOUBLES	137	4 TH
TRIPLES	23	T-4 TH
RUNS	508	2 ND
RUNS/PER GAME	9.1	4 TH

14 SENIORS

6 TRANSFER STUDENTS

2018 PBC TOURNAMENT & REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONS

.981 FIELDING PERCENTAGE

1ST AMONG ALL DIVISION II TEAMS

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Courtesy of GC Sports Communication
Garrett Green laces a double against Clark-Atlanta on April 25

Courtesy of GC Sports Communication
Wesley Wommack barrels up a pitch against Clark-Atlanta

Courtesy of GC Sports Communication
Bradly Cammack stares at his pitch at John Kurtz Field

Basketball

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“I’ve always been a team player,” La-Flam said. “I love getting my teammates involved. It’s probably one of the biggest strengths of my game.

It allows everyone to get easy shots and a rhythm.” Gainous said that Thomas and La-Flam do more than just fill the stat sheet. “First off, they’ve brought toughness,” Gainous said. “You don’t beat Pembroke without toughness. They’ve brought leadership. Isaac’s been with us for four years, and Desmond’s been with us for three.”

When asked about the team’s victory against UNC Pembroke, the reigning Peach Belt Conference champions, La-Flam couldn’t help but crack a smile. “You never want to get too high or too low after a win or a loss, but one of those always feels good,” La-Flam said.

ARTS & LIFE

Fashion trends in Milly this winter season

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Chunky/Color-Block Sweaters

With colder weather on the horizon, the need for sweaters is coming back in a fashion. Chunky sweaters are in right now, popular for layering and for their warm knit design.

The color block trend is also a current fashion statement, including sweaters. This style features three or more different colors with a design to separate the colors. This trend has seen a rise in popularity when paired with very bright colors.

“We’ve been seeing a lot of the color block trend in sweaters, tops and dresses,” said Erin Denton, manager of Chatter boutique. “We’ve also seen a lot of neon colors around the spring and summer.”

Crocs

This foam clog might have been highly mocked over the last decade, but the shoe has now been resurrected by rapper Post Malone. Crocs are making a comeback largely due to fashion companies and celebrities embracing the comfort and unique design of the shoe.

Malone brought attention to Crocs when he began posting pictures wearing the shoe, which eventually lead to Malone signing a deal with the company to release his own signature Crocs. During London Fashion Week, designer Christopher Kane even displayed models of rhinestone-encrusted Crocs.

Flare Jeans

“One trend I see a lot of is people wearing Flare jeans,” said Katie Waller, a sales associate at French Vill’Edge.

Also referred to as “bell-bottoms,” flare jeans have seen a growing popularity amongst college students. Flare jeans were mainstream fashion in the 1970s but saw a resurgence in popularity during the past decade under the new name “bootcut.” Students on campus can often be seen dressing up their flare jeans with heels or booties.



Cold weather has customers gravitating towards chunky sweaters



Lexie Baker / Asst. News Photographer

Patterned sweaters paired with flare jeans is a combo that can be seen all over campus

Slump

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“Those same concerns can follow students into the second, but generally students, at least theoretically, know what to expect.”

As students continue on their journeys through college, they gain perspective and knowledge, understanding what to expect when registering for classes or visiting a professor

during office hours.

With this experience comes tips and tricks that can be passed on to younger students.

“Try to keep on a schedule,” Bradley said “Even little things like working out. That still keeps me motivated.”

Lee also recommended keeping track of your schedule.

“Put everything in

your calendar, whatever calendar you have,” Lee said. “I specifically like the one on my phone and my laptop so I can easily pull it up, and you can see everything that’s due. So at the beginning of the semester when you get your syllabus, I put everything in there.”



Nicole Hazlett / Staff Writer

With second semester in full swing, students have been staying indoors rather than relaxing on Front Campus